

HOUSE BILL 2753
By Vaughn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to certain deaths or injuries occurring on the property of institutions of higher education and to enact the "Robert 'Robbie' Nottingham Campus Crime Scene Investigation Act of 2004".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 49-7-129.

(a) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Robert 'Robbie' Nottingham Campus Crime Scene Investigation Act of 2004".

(b) Regardless of whether a public or private institution of higher education has entered into a mutual assistance agreement with a law enforcement agency pursuant to § 49-7-118, the chief security officer or law enforcement officer of such institution shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency with territorial jurisdiction over the institution if the death of a person occurs on the property of such institution or if such officer or any other official of the institution is in receipt of a report alleging that any degree of rape has occurred on the property of such institution. The chief security officer shall designate one (1) or more persons who shall have the authority and duty to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency in the absence of the chief security officer.

(c) Upon notification pursuant to subsection (b), it shall be the duty of such agency to investigate the death or alleged rape in the same manner as it

would investigate a death or alleged rape occurring on property outside such institution.

(d) After notifying the local law enforcement agency pursuant to subsection (b), the security officers or law enforcement officers and all other employees of such institution shall cooperate in every respect with the investigation conducted by the law enforcement agency.

(e) As used in this section, "local law enforcement agency" means:

(1) Within the territory of a municipality, the municipal police force;

(2) Within the territory of a county having a metropolitan form of government, the metropolitan police force; and

(3) Within the unincorporated territory of a county, the sheriff's office.

(f) A knowing violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it